

**Claim amendments**

Please amend the claims preliminarily as indicated:

- 1           1. (currently amended) A system for processing a form, comprising:  
2           an originating system associated with an originator;  
3           a client system;  
4           a center system;  
5           ~~a user system associated with a user;~~  
6           an identifier-generating software module;  
7           a form-handling software module in the client system comprising computer-  
8           executable code for sensing a request for the a requestor-specific form by the  
9           originator, for entering first automatically extractable data onto an instance of the  
10          requestor-specific form, and for generating a command to produce the requestor-  
11          specific form for the originator;  
12          an intercepting software module comprising computer-executable code for  
13          sensing the command to produce the requestor-specific form,  
14          the identifier-generating software module thereupon generating an request-  
15          specific identifier uniquely identifying the instance of the requestor-specific form, and  
16          augmenting the instance of the requestor-specific form with the request-specific  
17          identifier;  
18          a form-processing software module within the center system and comprising  
19          computer-executable code for storing an association of the identifier with the instance of  
20          the requestor-specific form, for receiving the augmented instance of the requestor-  
21          specific form after handling by the originator and/or user, for comparing the request-  
22          specific identifier of the received requestor-specific form against the association, and for  
23          automatically routing an image of the received requestor-specific form to a destination  
24          indicated in a corresponding entry in a configuration file.
- 1           2. (original) A system as in claim 1, in which the intercepting software module is  
2           a driver installed in the client system.

1           3. (currently amended) A system as in claim 2, in which the command to  
2 produce the requestor-specific form is a command to a standard printer driver within the  
3 client system.

1           4. (currently amended) A system as in claim 2, in which the command to  
2 produce the requestor-specific form is a command to download the form to the  
3 originating system over a network.

1           5. (currently amended) A system as in claim 1, further comprising a  
2 coordinating system connected by network to both the client system and the center  
3 system for transmitting information identifying the instance of the requestor-specific form  
4 to the center system from the client system.

1           6. (original) A system as in claim 5, in which the coordinating system is a web  
2 service.

1           7. (new) A system as in claim 1, in which the requestor-specific form includes at  
2 least one handwritten comment field, the computer system further including computer-  
3 executable code for associating the handwritten comment field with a corresponding  
4 report item.

1           8. (new) A system as in claim 7, in which the computer-executable code is  
2 further provided for automatically extracting the handwritten comment field as a sub-  
3 image and then converting the sub-image into a displayable format.

1           9. (new) A system as in claim 1, in which the form processing module is further  
2 provided for automatically extracting data from the received requestor-specific form.

1           10. (new) A system as in claim 9, in which the form processing module includes  
2 a format conversion module comprising computer-executable code for automatically  
3 converting the extracted data into any of a plurality of predetermined formats for

4 transmission of the extracted data to a recipient in the format that is associated with that  
5 recipient.

1 11. (new) A system as in claim 9, in which the center system is an intermediary  
2 system between multiple parties for transmission of data extracted from requestor-  
3 specific forms sent from different users to any of the multiple parties.

1 12. (new) A system for processing a form, comprising:  
2 a client system;  
3 a center system;  
4 a form-handling software module in the client system comprising  
5 computer-executable code for sensing a request for a requestor-specific form, for  
6 entering first automatically extractable data onto an instance of the requestor-specific  
7 form, and for generating a command to produce the requestor-specific form for a  
8 requestor;  
9 an intercepting software module in the client system comprising computer-  
10 executable code for sensing the command to produce the requestor-specific form,  
11 a form-processing software module within the center system and  
12 comprising computer-executable code for storing an association of a request-specific  
13 form identifier with the instance of the requestor-specific form, for receiving the  
14 augmented instance of the requestor-specific form after handling by the user, for  
15 comparing the request-specific identifier of the received form against the association,  
16 and for automatically routing an image of the received requestor-specific form to a  
17 destination indicated by rules that trigger actions based on predefined request-specific  
18 conditions.

1 13. (new) A system as in claim 12, in which the automatic routing of an image  
2 of the received form to a destination indicated by rules that trigger actions based on  
3 defined conditions.

1           14. (new) A system as in claim 13, in which the form-processing module is  
2 further provided with computer-executable code for issuing a message to at least one  
3 recipient as part of the automatic routing.

1           15. (new) A system as in claim 12, in which the conditions are also a function of  
2 at least one item of the extracted data.

1           16. (new) A system as in claim 12, in which the conditions include pre-  
2 determined conditions.

1           17. (new) A system as in claim 16, in which the pre-determined conditions are  
2 selected from a group consisting of form transmission errors, form reception errors,  
3 form completion errors and conditions associated with predetermined routing  
4 categories.

1           18. (new) A system for processing a form, comprising:  
2 a user system associated with a user;  
3 a client system;  
4 a center system;  
5 an identifier-generating software module;  
6 a form-handling software module in the client system comprising computer-  
7 executable code for sensing a request for a requestor-specific form by the user, for  
8 entering first automatically extractable data onto an instance of the requestor-specific  
9 form, and for generating a command to produce the requestor-specific form for the user;  
10 an intercepting software module in the center system comprising computer-  
11 executable code for sensing the command to produce the requestor-specific form,  
12 the identifier-generating software module thereupon generating a request-  
13 specific identifier uniquely identifying the instance of the requestor-specific form, and  
14 augmenting the instance of the requestor-specific form with the identifier;  
15 a form-processing software module within the center system and comprising  
16 computer-executable code for storing an association of the identifier with the instance of

17 the requestor-specific form, for receiving the augmented instance of the requestor-  
18 specific form after handling by the user, for comparing the identifier of the received form  
19 against the association, and for automatically routing an image of the received  
20 requestor-specific form to a destination indicated in a corresponding entry in a  
21 configuration file.